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NCLB

The NCLB Update – August 2008 will be broadcast on NET SAT Channel 105 (ST CH 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on Tuesday, August 12, 2008. **The telecast will be no more than one hour.** For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426.

The PowerPoint presentation used in the telecast has been posted on “Federal Programs - NCLB” on the NDE homepage under NCLB Updates at www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nclbupdates/index.htm. A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast. A video of the telecast can be downloaded at www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/nclbupdates/video.htm.

NCLB Title V – Innovative Programs

We received word this morning from the U. S. Department of Education (USDE) regarding the transfer of funds from other programs into Title V. It is their legal opinion that since Nebraska has had a by-pass arrangement for Title V in the past, the transferability option available under Section 6123 cannot be used for the 2008-09 school year and beyond. Section 6123 allows a district to transfer up to 50% of their allocation from Title II-A, Title II-D, Title IV or Title V into Title I or any other of these programs. This USDE opinion only affects the transfer of funds into Title V under Section 6123. A district that is REAP eligible can still use the REAP-FLEX option to use funds from any of these programs for the purposes of Title V. REAP-FLEX and Section 6123 are options located on the Allocations Page of the NCLB Consolidated Application under Funds Available for Transfer/FLEX in the grants management system.

NSSRS

NSSRS Validation Site

Migrant rosters have been added. Districts can check the eligible migrant students in their district as reported through the MIS2000 program. Contact Letty Rose (402-471-2740) if questions.

The AYP Verification Counts data now includes the “new” participation rate data that will be used in determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and will be displayed on the State of the Schools Report. The data also includes the number of students reported as enrolled on the Year-End Student Snapshot.

NSSRS and SOSR Timelines

There have been no changes in dates from previous information.

Aug. 4 – 8	Resubmission Window. NSSRS will be open to accept any 2007-08 resubmissions. Note: this is the last opportunity to resubmit templates before the Preview of the State of the Schools Report (SOSR).
Aug. 18 – 29	Preview of the State of the Schools Report including decisions such as STARS, AYP, ILCD, etc. Instructions for reviewing data and requesting changes or appeals to decision will be included with the latest Standards, Assessment and Accountability Update #1.
Nov. 3 – 12	Districts with approved AYP Appeals or Requests to Change Data will be allowed to resubmit data.
Nov. 24 – Dec. 5	Second Preview of the State of the Schools Report including the NCLB Qualified Teacher data.
Mid-December	The State of the Schools Report opens to the public.

New State Assessment System

NDE has received 9 proposals. The list is on the NDE homepage under the RFP link.

Update on Data Quality Training

Dates and locations for the Data Quality Strategic workshops have been set. Please save the date.

Further information will be coming.

September 23 – Omaha

October 16 – North Platte

October 23 – Scottsbluff

November 5 – Wakefield

November 13 – Kearney

December 2 – Beatrice